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The state forest ranger in charge of the unit in which the state forest is located is responsible for forest fire prevention and suppression, including appurtenant law enforcement, in the state forest. The ranger inspects state forest properties from time to time and consults with the forest manager and with the region chief about forest fire protection matters.

Local forest management employees will take immediate and vigorous action to suppress any fires occurring upon or closely adjacent to state forest property. The occurrence of such fires will be reported to the ranger's office without delay. Upon the arrival of the ranger or his/her authorized fire control representative, responsibility for control and patrol of the fire will become the responsibility of the ranger or his/her representative. Employees and other resources of the forest will be made available for fire suppression on or near the state forest as determined by the forest manager and the ranger or his/her representative.

A fire history record will be kept for each state forest (see Section 5072).

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